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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraphs on page 5, lines 15-18, with the following:

Figure 4 shows the motor vehicle lock as shown in Figure 1 with the latch in the overstrike position (broken line), and

Figure 5 schematically shows another motor vehicle lock with the latch and ratchet arrangement,[[.]]

Figure 6 shows the motor vehicle lock with the latch as shown in Figure 2 with an auxiliary locking device, and

Figure 7 shows the motor vehicle lock with the latch as shown in Figure 1 with a motorized opening device.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 21-27, as followings:

It was likewise explained above in the Summary of the Invention that the configuration of the motor vehicle lock with a motorized opening drive, in conjunction with the described ratchet arrangement 3, is especially advantageous. Here, the release of the latch 2 can be triggered by the fact that an opening drive, including a motorized opening driver 23 and a motor 24 shown schematically in Figure 7, (which is not further shown) causes movement of the blocking element 6 from the blocking position into the nonblocking position (shown by the broken line in Figure 7 [[1]]). In accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the invention, the opening drive is an electric motor.

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, line 23 through page 9, line 3, as follows:

From Figure 1 it can be recognized that when a force is acting from the striker 1 on the latch 2 in Figure 1 to the bottom (for example, for a tensile force on a closed side door), a corresponding force is routed from the latch 2 via the intermediate lever 11 to the transmission lever 8. A line of action 14 of this force runs through two connecting points 12, 13. Because the line of action 14 of the force in Figure 1, runs past the swivelling axis [[8]] 7 of the transmission lever 8, a torque on the transmission lever 8 in Figure 1, to the right, is produced. This torque is opposed by the blocking force of the blocking element 6. Figure 1

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makes it clear that the speed reduction becomes greater, the closer that the line 14 of action of the force runs to the swivelling axis 7. The two aforementioned objectives, for the purposes of an optimum compromise, can be joined to one another by suitable spacing of the line 14 of action of the force to the swivelling axis 7.

Please amend the paragraph on page 10, line 26 through page 11, line 1, as follows:

Furthermore, the approach as claimed in the invention also offers an especially compact implementation of a locking aid. According to this configuration there is an auxiliary locking drive 22, seen in Figure 6, which is not shown and which is coupled to the transmission lever 8. The latch 2 can then be moved into the main locked position by means of the auxiliary locking drive 22 that rotates via the transmission lever 8, as would be understood by those of ordinary skill in the art. The necessary prerequisite for this is the above explained coupling of motion between the transmission lever 8 and the latch 2.